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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Preparation of DD/I Report on Civilian Casualties in North Vietnam

1. This memorandum is for your information and for your possible use at the DCI's 4 January morning meeting. If an analysis is desired of civilian casualties resulting from U.S. air strikes against targets in North Vietnam, I would propose two actions on our part. The first would be an updating of the aggregative estimate of cumulative casualties through December 1966. The second would be a detailed examination of the most contentious areas for which Hanoi claims large numbers of civilian casualties. These are Hanoi (including Gia Lam, Yen Vien and Van Dien); Ham Ninh; and Phu Ly.

2. The aggregative estimate could be completed in 4-6 man-days. The photographic analysis and mosaics required for the area analyses would require large inputs from EPIC/IAD -- probably 14 man-days. We would need an additional 6 man-days to incorporate the EPIC/IAD studies in our analysis. The total analytical input, then, would be about 26 man-days and would require about three weeks to complete.

3. We understand that DIA has completed its own assessment of civilian casualties, including specific analyses of the areas suggested for a CIA study. It would, of course, help us to do our job if we had the results of the DIA analysis, but without detailed examination of their methodology, we could not provide an independent check.

Acting Director  
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